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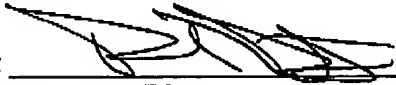
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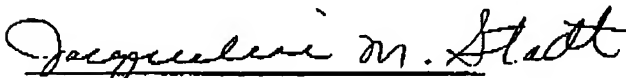
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following response two months from the Office Action dated June 22, 2004. For the reasons detailed below, the claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance.